

their constitutional responsibilities. I have a simple question:

Why would any Member trust the very same group who engineered the first bill to do it to America again?

That first bill has not worked. It has made the foreclosure crisis worse, which is at the heart of what is wrong with this economy. Yet Wall Street was handsomely showered with taxpayer billions, and they then thumbed their noses at Main Streets across this country.

I wouldn't expect anything from Treasury in the way of sensitivity to regular folks. Its job is to sell U.S. debt on Wall Street and to collect taxes. They're not designed to do real estate lending or housing workouts or real estate accounting. That's the job of the FDIC, of the SEC and of HUD. They should be in the lead in the mortgage workout process. And frankly, we ought to quadruple the number of financial crimes analysts at the FBI.

I repeat: Why would Congress allow itself to be hoodwinked not once but twice into making the same big mistake? I urge my colleagues to vote no on the second Wall Street bailout bill. Instead let's do what works for the American people by solving the home foreclosure crisis first.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROY BOEHM

(Mr. ROONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Roy Boehm, a true American hero and a longtime constituent of Punta Gorda, Florida.

Mr. Boehm was a retired Navy lieutenant commander, and was the first officer in charge of SEAL Team 2, one of the original Navy SEAL teams. Many would say that he was the first Navy SEAL.

Lieutenant Commander Boehm enlisted in the Navy in 1941, and fought during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. In 1942, he participated in the Battle of Cape Esperance at Guadalcanal, one of the largest, all-surface sea engagements of World War II. In 1961, under orders from President Kennedy, Lieutenant Commander Boehm developed and launched the Navy's elite Sea, Air and Land forces unit known as the SEALs.

Our Nation is grateful for Lieutenant Commander Boehm's service. Lieutenant Commander Roy Boehm set the standards for the Navy SEALs of today, and he will truly be missed. On behalf of all of the men and women who wear or who have worn the uniform, I say thank you for your service.

TARP REFORM

(Mr. HALL of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HALL of New York. Mr. Speaker, the House approved the \$700 billion financial rescue package last October only under the condition that banks would be accountable and that taxpayers would know what the banks did

with the money. We all know that that hasn't happened.

The Bush administration and the Treasury Secretary never held up their end of the deal. They've ignored the measures Congress put in the package to protect the taxpayers. The result: blank checks to big banks and nothing to protect middle class families from foreclosures.

Today, the House is going to vote to change this and will strengthen oversight on what the banks and the administration are doing with the funds. The taxpayers have the right to finally know exactly how their money was spent.

ALLEN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. I want to talk about a high school champion. I rise to congratulate the 2008 state champions of Texas high school football—the Blue and White Allen Eagles.

Last month, the Allen Eagles defeated Fort Bend Hightower 21 to 14 in a stunning second half comeback to win the Texas 5-A football championship in Houston's Reliant Stadium. The crowd went wild!

Under head coach Tom Westerberg, the Eagles' football program has thrived with stellar seasons in '07, '06 and '05 as well.

I will insert the names of the top coaches into the RECORD.

There is a special story about this team. Each spring, the rising seniors pick a motto for the upcoming season. The players selected: Start strong. Finish strong.

Congratulations to the Allen Eagles. Way to finish strong. I salute you. God bless you, and God bless America.

Go Eagles!

Tom Westerberg, Head Coach, Asst. Athletic Director.

Terry Gambill, Asst. Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator.

Jeff Fleener, Offensive Coordinator.

Jeff Chaney, Special Teams Coordinator.

Mike Carter, Strength Coordinator.

BLOCK THE NEXT CONGRESSIONAL PAY RAISE

(Mr. MITCHELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to urge my colleagues to block the next scheduled congressional pay raise. At a time when the economy is forcing so many of the families we represent to tighten their belts, I believe this is the wrong time to be raising our own pay.

Last month, 524,000 Americans lost their jobs, bringing the unemployment rate to its highest since 1993. Since last year, jobless rates increased in 49 States and in the District of Columbia. In my home State of Arizona, unemployment rose by over 50 percent, leaving nearly 200,000 workers unemployed.

Last week, I introduced House Resolution 156, with Representative PAUL of Texas, to stop the next automatic congressional pay raise from taking effect next year. As of this morning, we have been joined by 77 cosponsors—Republicans and Democrats.

Our Nation is at war. Our economy is reeling. The American people aren't getting a pay raise. We shouldn't either. I will be donating my 2009 pay raise to charity just as I did with the 2008 pay raise.

I urge my colleagues to join our growing coalition and to support the Stop the Congressional Pay Raise Act.

REJECT THE BAILOUT

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, the definition of "insanity" is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.

Three months ago, Congress rushed to spend \$350 billion of taxpayer dollars without adequate hearings and deliberation. The result was a lack of transparency and accountability, a disappointment in how the massive funds were spent and a bloated Federal budget deficit. But here we go again. This Congress is now proposing to do the exact same thing.

Another \$350 billion bailout is not the answer my constituents are looking for. The people in my district in Minnesota are struggling to make ends meet, and they're worried about the future. We must take concrete steps to jump-start our economy and put people back to work. It's time to stop exposing taxpayers to any more undue risk. It's time to stop saddling them with unnecessary debt.

Mr. Speaker, Congress should reject another \$350 billion bailout, and instead, it should focus on preserving, protecting and creating jobs to get our economy going again.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

(Mr. NYE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NYE. Mr. Speaker, for most of the past 12 years, I have traveled all over the world with the Foreign Service. In places like Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq, I had the honor to serve alongside the brave men and women of our Armed Forces.

It is now my honor to be here as the Representative of Virginia's Second Congressional District—to represent the people of Hampton Roads and the Eastern Shore—and to represent our military personnel and their families.

We have very important work ahead of us—strengthening the economy, restoring fiscal responsibility and standing up for the families who are working